



## CLGE Engagement with the EU

**Member's opinions were sought at the General Assembly – The response was predominantly positive**

At the recent GA in Lausanne the delegates took part in two workshops where their opinions, regarding closer and more focussed engagement with the EU, were sought. It's difficult to summarise the responses in such a short space, but the views were generally positive. A formal, specialist interest group was not favoured, but a greater emphasis on Brussels-centric activities was considered desirable (more meetings in Brussels, more meetings with Commission officials, closer monitoring and filtering of Commission activities related to surveying, etc.). The application of dedicated manpower to this process was favoured (a specific vice-president with responsibility for EU affairs, committed members and a presence in Brussels). Greater cooperation with bodies such as ECEC and CEPLIS was also recommended. The differences in surveying practice and legislation across Europe was seen as an impediment to effective lobbying (what might be in one state's interest might not be in the interest of others) The Executive Board has recorded the views of the delegates in details, and will move this initiative forward as appropriate.



## European requirements for cadastral surveyor activities

**The document on the European requirements for cadastral surveyors' activities is to be updated.**

This document was first produced in 2008 and it provided an overview of cadastral surveying in Europe at that time. It was produced under the auspices of Eurogeographics (the association of National Mapping Agencies), CLGE, and Geometer-Europas (since become IG-PARLS) and it collated information from 27 European countries. As the number of members of CLGE has now risen to forty and as ten years have elapsed since the original survey, it was considered appropriate to review and update this valuable document. The work will be carried out under the guidance of Vladimir Tikhonov and work has already started on updating the questionnaire. New questions and issues will be considered but, as far as possible, the original ground will be covered again, to ensure comparability between the two surveys.



## CLGE will be well represented in Helsinki during the FIG Working Week.

CLGE will be well represented in Helsinki during the [FIG Working Week](#). First of all we have all the CLGE delegates who are going there to represent their country or to fulfill their task in the FIG structure (Gerda Schennach, chair of Commission 7 and Enrico Rispoli, chair of Commission 3).

But in addition to this, CLGE will be represented as such in following events:

- Mairolt Kakko and Diana Bečirević will take an active role in the [FIG Young Surveyors European Network meeting](#)
- Jean-Yves Pirlot will attend the special [FIG Seminar about BIM](#)
- During the opening Maurice Barbieri or Jean-Yves Pirlot will introduce the Forum of Regional Bodies and announce the Global Surveyors Day
- Jean-Yves Pirlot will make a presentation about the evolution from the Accord Multilateral to the Code of Professional Qualifications for Property Surveyors [TS02H, Monday 16.00 – 17.30]
- Henning Elmstrøm and Jean-Yves Pirlot plan to give a presentation about the usefulness of Regional Bodies such as CLGE [TS05J, TBC, Wednesday 16.00 – 17.30]
- Maurice Barbieri will take part in the French Speaking session and will introduce the concept of sustainability in property surveying [TS03J, Wednesday 11.00 – 12.30]
- All members of the International Land Measurement Standards Coalition will engage and a meeting of the Standard Setting Committee is planned [Wednesday 12.00 – 14.00, on invitation]
- Together with NSPS, CLGE will co-chair the second meeting of the Forum of Regional Bodies [Thursday 11.00 – 12.30, on invitation]

## News in Short



### IGS - 100 years of operation

Many thanks to our Swiss colleagues in Ingénieurs Géomètres Suisses for being excellent hosts and organisers. The conference centre in EPFL in Lausanne was superb and contributed in a big way to the success of our own General Assembly. This might be a good opportunity to wish IGS all the best on reaching their one hundredth birthday. May they have many more! A big thanks also to our own Swiss colleague and president – Maurice Barbieri for all the hard work and time he committed to making the CLGE GA run like clockwork (no pun on Swiss watch making intended!).



### The Death of Surveying as we know it!

Under the title of “Block-chain wird das Grundbuch ersetzen” (which despite the German title was delivered in French!), Xavier Comtesse presented one of the most stimulating and amusing talks of the GA. His advice was that we should all forget about competing with technology and concentrate on enjoying idleness. Given the recent wave of ransom-ware virus infection that has swept the world in recent days, it is doubtful if the time is ripe yet to abandon paper repositories and commit out property titles to solely digital form.



Code of Professional Qualification for Property Surveyors

### Extension of the Code of Professional Qualification for Property Surveyors

It is proposed that the *Code of Professional Qualification for Property Surveyors*, which was entered into by the IG-PARLS, should be extended to other members of CLGE. Further updates on this subject after the autumn General Assembly in Potsdam, Berlin.



### Ukraine applies to join CLGE

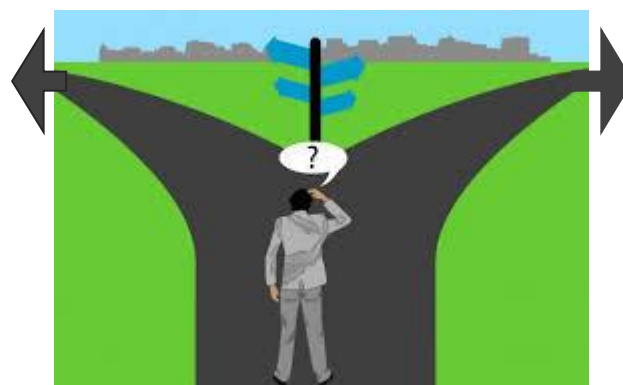
The application by Ukraine to become a member of CLGE was unanimously accepted by the Executive Board at their meeting in Lisbon, earlier this year. The application will be formally presented at the General Assembly in Berlin in the autumn.



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**The Dynamic Professional Knowledge Base**, which has been developed and launched for some time, still remains only partially populated. Given the cost of this project it is important that it should be a success. Rudolf Kolbe has issued a plea to all those associations who have not yet contributed, to do so. Questionnaires, like this, are not always easy to complete. What may seem clear to the formulator of the question may not fit the reality in all member states, but we would ask everyone to do their best to contribute. CLGE has asked some support from the Young Surveyors (YSEN).

National Mapping Agency Data

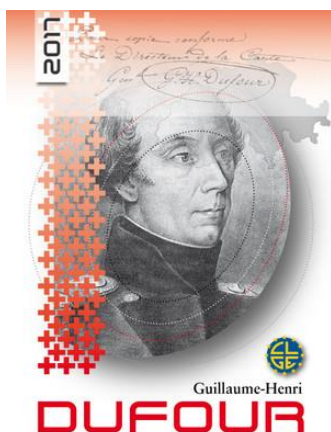


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Open Street Map  
TomTom  
Etc.

### The dilemma facing NMCAs

Three major presentations at the CLGE conference in Lausanne dealt with the issues facing National Mapping Agencies.

Presentations at the Lausanne conference by Fridolin Wicki of swisstopo, Ingrid Vanden Berghe of EuroGeographics / NGI Belgium and Martin Salzmann of Kadaster Nederland, focussed on a common theme; the dilemma facing national mapping agencies in the internet age. This dilemma stems from the issue of the availability of geographic data and the public perception of where such data is readily available. This public perception, which in previous times immediately turned to national mapping agency paper mapping, now turns to sources immediately available on the web. Offerings like Google Maps, Bing Maps, Open Street Map and TomTom are the sources of choice. Crowd sourced and privately produced mapping raises serious issues of reliability, guarantees of accuracy, and currency, while official data often raises the issue of accessibility and cost. Each of the speakers had somewhat different approaches to how the dilemma might be solved. The Dutch approach favoured openness and collaboration between the private sector and NMCAs, involving partnership and sharing while Belgium, on the other hand, tended toward a more conservative attitude, putting forward the idea that NMCAs were ideally placed to act as geo-spatial brokers, i.e. conduits of guaranteed quality geographic data, state produced, privately produced or crowd sourced, to end users. Fridolin Wicki also saw major problems in coming to grips with the issues of open data, linked data, crowd sourcing, big data and social media, but primarily saw swisstopo's position as being that of the national centre of expertise for geo-information and geo-resources. The questions of access, cost and reliability are central to this debate and it is likely that the discussion will continue well into the future.



## Fluid Book version of the book on Guillaume-Henri Dufour, European surveyor of the year 2017, launched at the CLGE general assembly.

An electronic version, in English, of the book commemorating Guillaume-Henri Dufour, as surveyor of the year for 2017, was launched at the CLGE general assembly in Lausanne. This complements hard copy editions of the book already published in French and German. (the link to the fluid book will be provided later on, in version 17/2' and on [www.clge.eu](http://www.clge.eu)).



**NPS**

Finally, CLGE was honoured to have two representatives from the National Society of Professional Surveyors in the United States, at our conference and general assembly – John Hohol and Curtis Sumner. Curtis made two presentations on surveying and surveyors in the US, both very informative and much appreciated.